

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-12 and 14-15 are pending in this application with Claims 1 and 11 as independent claims. Claims 6 and 13 are cancelled without prejudice. The Examiner rejected the claims as follows. Claims 1-4, and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matthews (U.S. Patent No. 5,724,492) in view of Aberg (U.S. Patent No. 6,993,362). Claims 6 and 13 are objected to for depending upon a rejected base claim. Claims 11-12 and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matthews, in view of Kim (U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0055038).

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 6 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claims 1 and 11 are henceforth amended to recite the allowable subject matter of now cancelled Claims 6 and 13 respectively. Accordingly, amended independent Claims 1 and 11 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-4, 7-10, 12 and 14-15 are dependent claims; accordingly, since the above amendments place the independent claims into condition for allowance, then these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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